

KDHE Exhibits at GIS User Conference

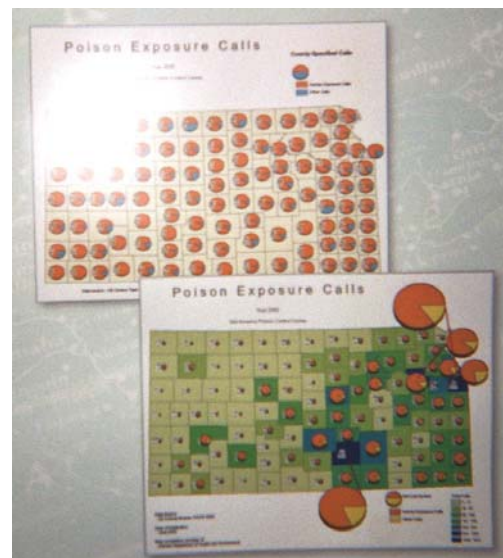
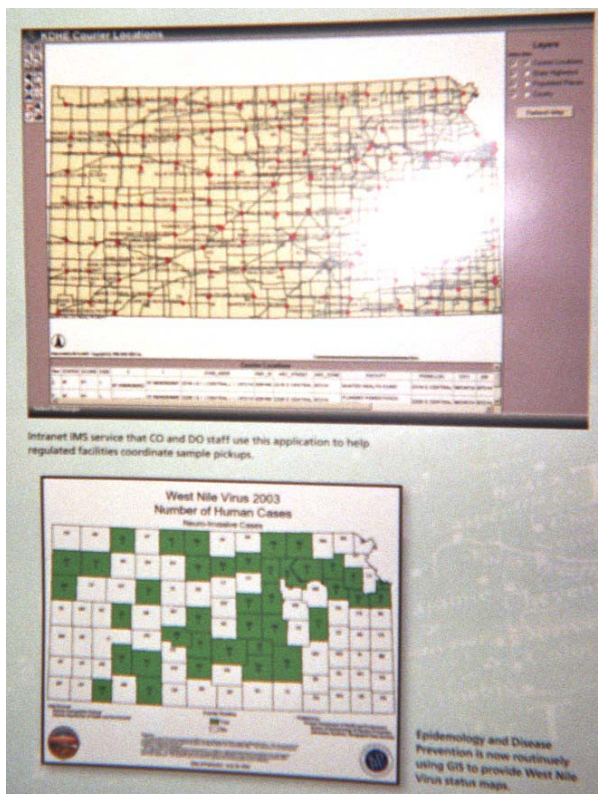
In front of more than 13,000 geographic information technology professionals, the KDHE GIS staff displayed exhibits of their recent mapping projects during August's ESRI User Conference 2004 in San Diego.

[ESRI](#) is the creator and licenser of ArcGIS 9.0, a common platform for geographic information services staff around the world to plot, map and present a wide array of visual representations for geophysical and data related situations. KDHE uses this software in its GIS applications.

Annually, ESRI holds a user conference where licensees gather to learn the latest techniques in GIS technology, meet fellow GIS professionals and view examples of GIS in action. This year ESRI invited KDHE to exhibit some its current work, which could be published in a special ESRI gallery book later in 2004.

Geographic information technologies were introduced at KDHE in the early 1990s. Since then, KDHE geo-technology resources have matured to the point that they are now considered to be just another part of the standard tools available for staff to use in their efforts to attain KDHE's vision of "healthier Kansans living in safe and sustainable environments."

"We were very excited to receive ESRI's invitation to exhibit and show some of our work," said A.J. Thomas, manager, KDHE Geographic Data Services. "Our work to support the health and environment programs places us in unique situations which results in creative data mapping, and this exhibit is a great way to demonstrate what we can do in Kansas."



Four exhibits of KDHE GIS applications in Kansas. Photos courtesy of Marvin Bush, GIS department